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FRIDAY, JAN. 18.

WE ARE NOT FEUDISTS.

Our people are not feudists. There has been a great deal printed in the papers recently about the feud in Breathitt, referring to Jackson as the feud capital, etc., etc. There has never been any feud here. Dr. Cox was killed on a moonlight night, April 13, 1902, while going from his office to his home. James Cockrell was killed while standing on the Cardwell corner talking to some friends on July 21, 1902. James B. Marcus was killed while standing in the front door of the court house, talking to Capt. B. J. Ewen, on May 4, 1903. All three of these men were members of strong and influential families of this county. While the families and friends of these men knew, practically to a certainty who were responsible for their death, and knew who actually committed the crimes, yet not one of them ever raised a hand to do violence to any of the accused, preferring to go to the courts, where all honest men should go for redress of any kind of grievances.

After the assassination of Marcus the press of the State took the matter up and demanded an investigation. The machinery of the courts were then set in motion and trials growing out of these crimes have been had at Owsley, at Lexington, at Winchester, Mt. Sterling and at Beattyville with what results the people are familiar.

If there had been any feudal blood in our people it surely would have cropped out during these four year's struggles in the courts, but not a hand has been raised to do violence.

As we have often said, and still say, the great masses of our people are law-abiding and peaceable citizens and want justice done between man and man alike.

The last three judges appointed by Beckham to sit in these trials have appeared to do whatever the defendants wanted done, yet the friends of the murdered men have not attempted any violence, which we think is sufficient proof to show that they are not feudists.

When Judge "Bill" Carnes sat here for four days last week, ruling invariably for the defense, the friends of the prosecution did not resort to violence, but appealed to the highest court to stop the farce.

All our people want impartial judges, honest juries and fair trials. They do not want to fight and will not unless forced to do so as a last resort. It is a slander on them to call them feudists. They are entitled to fair treatment and should have it.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage license have been issued since our last publication:

Samp Moore and Jane Spicer, both of Wick. John Duncie and May Cundiff, both of Oakdale, Larkin Back and Elizabeth Wilson, both of Jackson.

F. M. McCarty has been awarded a contract for some stone work at Hazard. He has moved his family there temporarily.

SELLING OUT AT COST.

In order to close out my business I will offer my entire stock of goods at their actual cost to me as delivered here. I desire to thank my customers for their liberal patronage in the past, and assure them this is a rare opportunity to secure bargains.

10-12 D. L. ROBERTS, Stacy, Ky.

New Jr. O. U. A. M. Council. Rev. J. D. Hunter, N. D. S. C., of Cannel City, organized a council of the Jr. O. U. A. M. at this place Wednesday night with 37 members. The following officers were elected:

James H. Little, Counselor. Ed Davidson, Jr. P. C. Rodney Combs, R. S. Wm. Spears, F. S. J. S. Lee, Mason Wright and Thomas Haddix, Trustees.

These members are all good citizens of our town and county and we predict that much good will result from the establishment of the council here.

Everything in the grocery line fresh at C. Hadden's.

T. F. Cannon, Avon, Ky., says: I have used Bourbon Hog Cholera Remedy and will say it cured my hogs of a very bad case of cholera. Several of these hogs could not eat and I had to drench them with the medicine. Sold and guaranteed by Day Bros. Co.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CLEMONS.

Harry Clemons lost a fine milk cow last week.

Mrs. Martha Clemons is worse than she has been for some time. Harlan Barnett hauled a load of goods for H. C. Clemons' store Monday.

Jake Wilson and wife, of Quicksand, visited Peter Strong and Larkin Clemons the past week.

Miss Louise Barnett spent several days with Price Whittaker and wife the past week.

J. E. Lang, of Jackson, passed here last Thursday on his way home from his stave job near Lambrie.

LOST CREEK.

George Smith is suffering with rheumatism.

Rev. Oberholtzer has gone to his home in Canton, Ohio.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hays, a girl, on January 8.

Col. E. P. Landrum was in Jackson on business last Thursday.

Miss Cora Landrum spent a few days with relatives and friends at Lost Creek.

Miss Mattie Landrum, of Quicksand, is visiting her brother at this place.

Mrs. G. W. and Miss Bessie Landrum attended some of the interesting sermons at the Baptist church last week.

W. C. Strong has moved to his farm across the creek and Price Landrum has rented his property and moved into same.

C. P. Goff, of Paris, sold a large boundary of timber to Sam Patton who has begun work on Big Branch and Hickory Gap, on the north fork of Kentucky river. Sam will succeed in doing a good business for he is a real hustler.

Our school closed last Friday, with full attendance. The house was crowded with pupils, patrons and friends of the school. There were many numbers on the program, which were well rendered by the pupils. The entire entertainment was masterly conducted by our teacher, Solomon Noble.

Now the wish of the Dreamer is that all men would prosper. May success attend THE NEWS.

DREAMER.

Phoebe Hensley, wife of George Hensley, is on the sick list.

Camillus Holbrooks and wife, of Bays, are dangerously ill with typhoid fever.

Rev. Daniel McIntosh and wife visited Elihu Clemons last Wednesday night. Mrs. Clemons is suffering with a cancer.

Lee and Henry Eldridge cut a white oak tree on J. M. Risner's farm and made 80 first-class ties out of it.

Evan Calhoun, aged 86, died last Monday and was buried at L. C. Calhoun's grave yard on Wednesday. Services were conducted by Rev. Daniel McIntosh.

If God is no respecter of persons, what will you do with death bed forgiveness when the flood was about to cover all the world and the people were climbing up the mountain to the top and saw they could go no further? I suppose they all prayed and cried.

Your correspondent had the honor of an invitation to be present and was present at the beautiful home of THE NEWS corres-

pondent ("Few Clothes") at Fairview, near Eversole, when he arrived home with his beautiful and charming bride, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leander Reynolds, of Cow Creek. Together with a few select friends we were invited into a beautiful and neatly decorated dining room where the table was groaning under its weight of rich delicacies so well qualified to tempt the appetite, which we all enjoyed to our satisfaction. Mr. J. C. Rose, the happy groom, has a beautiful and elegantly furnished mansion at Fairview, overlooking the placid waters of the south fork of Kentucky river as it winds its course alongside his broad and beautiful acres, and he now seems to be too happy for his side to hold, and well he should be, when he was so fortunate in wedding one of the most beautiful young ladies in Owsley county. May joy and prosperity attend them. YALLER BRITCHES.

OWSLEY COUNTY BOONEVILLE.

The mud is not so plentiful, but harder to ford.

More moving in and around Booneville than for years.

Sunday was the warmest day in January, thermometer at 68.

Mrs. Baker, wife of the jailer, is very low and cannot live but a few days.

L. C. Rose, one of our most wealthy citizens, is soon to move his family to Clark county.

J. M. Campbell will move to L. C. Rose's place on Meadow Creek.

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Terms—Sale will be made on a credit of three months, bond with approved security required, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum from day of sale, and having the force of a replevin bond.

Amount to be made by this sale, \$80.50.

Witness my hand this the 8th

Lexington Banking & Trust Company

Savings Department Pays 3 per cent on Time Deposits. Safety Vault Boxes for Rent.

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ABSOLUTE PROTECTION TO PATRONS.....	1,200,000.00

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LEXINGTON, KY.

to the Lord to save them. Now, can he save us, although we live sixty or seventy years in sin, and see we can no longer live, and then call on the Lord, can he save us and not make any respect between us and the old world? One more point to this. God told Jonah to go to Nineveh and tell the wicked people that if they did not repent He would destroy the city. So He preached and they repented and God spared them. You can get forgiveness before God passes sentence of death on you, but don't wait for the night of death to come. Repent while it is day, for when night comes no man can work.

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Witness my hand this the 8th

day of December, 1906.

BRECK CRAWFORD, S. B. C.

BY BERRY TURNER, D. S.

SHERIFF'S SALE FOR TAXES.

By virtue of a tax warrant in favor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Peter B. McIntosh, Price Ingram and J. D. Burton which issued from the Clerk's office of the Breathitt Circuit Court, and Execution No. 326 in favor of Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Peter B. McIntosh, Price Ingram and J. D. Burton which issued from the Clerk's office of the Breathitt Circuit Court, now in my hands for collection, I, or one of my deputies, will, on

MONDAY, JANUARY 28, '07,

between the hours of 12 o'clock m. and 2 o'clock p. m., at the court house door in the town of Jackson, Breathitt county, Ky., expose to public sale to the highest bidder, the following property, (or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy the amount of the plaintiff's debt, interest and costs, and Sheriff's commissions), towit:

A house and lot lying and being in Breathitt county, Ky., in the town of Jackson, on the south side of Broadway street, and beginning at the northwest corner of the lot owned by M. S. Crain and Emily Crain; said corner bears N. 59° W. 153 4-10 feet from the corner of Broadway street and College avenue; thence with the line of said Crain's lot S. 30-15 E. 121 5-10 feet to a stake; thence leaving said line N. 59° W. 41 feet to a stake; thence N. 30-15 E. 121 5-10 feet to a stake in the line of Broadway street; thence with the south line of same 59° E. 41 feet to the beginning.

Also, all the machinery and fixtures, appliances and apparatus attached in and to said house and premises; also, all poles, wires, are lights, meters and all fixtures and appliances in the town of Jackson, making up all or any part of the electric light plant of the Jackson Electric Light & Power Co., levied upon as the property of the Jackson Electric Light & Power Co., a defendant in said tax warrant.

Terms: Sale will be made for cash in hand.

Amount to be made by this sale, \$34.81; Sheriff's cost and commission, \$3.08; interest, 52c; cost of advertising, \$10.00. Total, \$48.41.

Witness my hand this the 2nd day of January, 1907.

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Mrs. J. T. Steele has been very ill during the past week.

Stop with Hart Bros., at Reed Hotel, when in Lexington.

B. Cox, of Fayette county was here last week attending court.

C. B. Rose, of Hazel Green, spent Sunday visiting his wife and babe here.

T. M. Oliver has accepted a position as salesman in Day Bros. store.

L. C. Roark returned the first of the week from a business trip to Magoffin county.

The eagle may be a noble bird but the faithful old hen knows how to make home happy.

Delpha Back, daughter of James R. Back, left Monday to enter the Hazel Green Academy.

W. J. Dodge has been confined to his room several days this week, but is improving at present.

M. S. Crain is building a livery stable back of his store house lot. J. G. Bolin is the contractor.

Jere Cardwell, of Wolfe county, has been visiting his father and mother and other relatives here.

J. B. Little, of Harriman, Tenn., was here on business last week. He has just recovered from an attack of fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Spurlock, of Lakeville, were visiting their daughter, Mrs. Harlan Rice for the past two weeks.

R. M. Shely will sell you a monument cheaper than any one. Read his new ad on the first page and call and learn his prices.

O. H. Pollard and J. J. C. Bach returned Tuesday from Frankfort where they had been looking after the Carnes case.

S. D. Cox, of Campton was here last week assisting the prosecution in the cases against those charged with the murder of his son, Dr. B. D. Cox.

W. C. Fugate, formerly of the County Times, passed here his way to Indian country will take

W. C. Fugate will leave about the first of February for a visit to the Indian Territory with a view to purchasing a farm if the country and the climate suit him.

W. J. Whittaker was here on business Tuesday. He is nearly 86 years old, yet he is as active as most men at 60, and looks like he might live many more years yet.

The Board of Supervisors has adjourned till Tuesday, January 29th, at which time they will give those whose assessments they have raised an opportunity to be heard.

A. H. Patton returned Thursday from a business trip to Lexington and Frankfort. He heard the arguments in the Carnes case and says that Byrd got the best of it.

Rev. J. P. Muncey, who has been sick for some time, was sent to the hospital at Lexington Tuesday. He will probably go on to the Soldier's Home as soon as he is able.

Alex Carpenter, of Taulbee was here Monday. He is preparing to engage in the poultry business. He purchased while here a pure bred brown leghorn rooster from M. & M. Hagins.

Buy a farm in famous Texas Panhandle. Will make you rich. We own large tracts. Prices and terms right. Excursions twice monthly. Good agents wanted. For particulars write to Texas & Southwest Colonization Co., Minneapolis, Minn. 12-15

The continuous rains of Monday and Tuesday brought a good tide in the river, but there was very little timber floated out. The tides of the past two months have brought the greater portion of the timber from the sections above here to our booms and to the markets below. It has been raining for the past week and floods are doing a great deal of damage in many parts of the county.

FOR RENT.
A desirable six room cottage on the Heights in Jackson. Rates reasonable. Apply to

12-12 Mrs. J. J. C. Bach.

30,300 Impressions.

William Strong, of Viper, general manager of the Perry County Telephone Company, was here Wednesday. He gave us an order for 30,300 impressions, the largest single order ever received by this office.

A Card of Thanks.

Mrs. Wiley H. Combs desire to thank the people of Jackson and Breathitt county for the many kindnesses and offers of friendship shown her and the family during the long, serious sickness of her late husband.

Fresh and Cured Meats at C. Hadden's.

New Tie Hoist.

Judge S. S. Taulbee is building a tie hoist just above the upper cut-off branch. It will be completed in a few days, when he will be prepared to elevate and load on the cars ties and stakes at a much lower cost than formerly.

No Decision in Carnes Case.

The writ of prohibition against "Bill" Carnes was argued in the Court of Appeals on Wednesday, Judge J. H. Hazelrigg and Lewis McQuown, chairman of the Democratic Committee, appearing for Carnes and Attorney General N. B. Hays and A. Floyd Byrd for the Commonwealth. The court took the case under advisement Wednesday evening, but no decision has yet been made.

Quarterly Meeting.

Quarterly meeting will be held here Saturday and Sunday, January 19th and 20th, at the Methodist church by Rev. E. G. B. Mann, Presiding Elder.

By invitation the members of the Christian church will meet with the Methodist congregation Sunday morning. There will be no services Sunday evening on account of the revival services at the Baptist church.

Full lines of Sears and Nichol's canned goods at C. Hadden's.

Appointment and Promotion.

A. S. Johnson, who has been storekeeper and gauger at Crawford's distillery for some time, has been promoted to the position of general storekeeper and gauger for this division.

Walter S. Hogg has been appointed storekeeper and gauger at Mat Crawford's distillery and went on duty the 16th inst. Mr. Hogg is a worthy young man and his many friends here are glad that he has landed the position. It pays about \$80 per month.

Fruits and Vegetables of all kinds at C. Hadden's.

Smith Surrenders to Sheriff.

The bondsmen of John Smith secured a copy of the bond of John Smith at Beattyville soon after he made his confession, and sent Jesse Spicer after him but he failed to find Smith. Smith on learning of the affair surrendered to Berry Turner, a Deputy Sheriff of this county, who brought him here Wednesday night. But the bondsmen refusing to pay the reward they had offered, Smith still remained in the custody of the deputy and returned home with him Thursday.

CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE.

Judge Carnes has been a candidate for office. He has run for County Judge twice, once for Commonwealth's Attorney, and was once elected County Attorney. He has run for office between cases, and has been a frequent candidate, although never but once successful. Grant county is a Democratic county. The Democrats have carried this county in all elections by majorities ranging from 300 to 500.

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JUST BILL CARNES

Courier-Journal Tells an Anxious Public who the Special Judge, Appointed to try the Cox Murder Cases, is at Home.

We take the following from Monday's Courier-Journal:

Williamstown, Ky., Jan. 13.—"Who is Judge Carnes?"

"He is the man selected by Gov. Beckham, from the bar of Kentucky, noted for its jurists and attorneys, as the one right man to try James Hargis; the most important case in Kentucky and a case which has attracted national attention because of its effect on the State. Judge Carnes is now on trial before the Court of Appeals under a writ prohibiting him from continuing with the case."

"Yes, but who is Judge Carnes?"

"Judge William Carnes, of Williamstown; attorney at the bar for the last thirty years, practicing in the State Courts in Grant county and in the Sixth congressional district. Ex-Republican, ex-Blackburn and ex-McCreary man, now a warm and close supporter of Gov. J. C. W. Beckham."

Two men were talking in a seat on a Queen & Crescent train, out of Cincinnati last night. One of them was a traveling man whose territory was in Kentucky. The other man lived in Williamstown. The two began talking about the Hargis trial at Jackson and the traveling man put the original inquiry.

MUCH-ASKED QUESTION.

Who is Judge Carnes?

Probably no question has been asked oftener during the last week, and in the main the inquiry went unanswered. Kentucky has been interested in the Hargis trials and wanted to know who was the trial judge, selected by Gov. Beckham, and what his record was. The inquiry came from all sides and met with only one response: "I don't know."

To answer this question which has been so persistently asked during the last few days, the Courier-Journal correspondent came to Williamstown yesterday, arriving on the same train with the man from Williamstown and the drummer. He heard their conversation and after the drummer had left the train, pursued the inquiry further with the man from Williamstown. Further inquiry after reaching Williamstown developed some facts which had not been known before outside of Williamstown.

A prophet is not without honor save in his own country, and this applies equally as well to the special judge appointed by Gov. Beckham to try Hargis and others. Ask a citizen of Williamstown, "Who is Judge Carnes," and he will reply:

"Just Bill Carnes."

"He was sure tickled to death when he was appointed to try that Hargis case, but the boys will rag him some now, and I expect he will come back home at night, when he does come, for the boys will have some fun with him."

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him. He was laughed at as the only Beckham man in Grant county, but it developed there were others, as the race finally was close between the candidates. Carnes rose to the top as a Beckham man, who stood by him in time of need.

Though not a man of education, Carnes wins cases. His practice is what might be called "general," and none of his cases are of vast importance.

When he gets back he will be a different man from the William Carnes who left only a short time ago. Then he was William Carnes, lawyer, obscure and unknown, outside of a small area. Now he is Judge Carnes, the man who ruled at Jackson, in the Hargis case, and barely escaped being shot down while on the bench.

DEATHS.

Jack Creech's wife died at her home, near Stevenson, Monday after a short illness. She leaves a husband and several children.

Mrs. Sallie Belle Belcher, wife of William Belcher, died at her home on Cane creek December 26, after a long illness of consumption.

Mrs. Joanna Centers, wife of Judge Centers, died in the asylum at Lexington last Friday of heart failure. She had only been sent to the asylum the Tuesday previous. Her remains were brought home and buried in the Little grave yard Saturday. The funeral services were conducted by Revs. Powell and Setzer.

Wiley H. Combs, one of the oldest and best citizens of Breathitt county, died last Saturday night, January 12, 1907, after a lingering illness of six weeks. His last sickness was attributed to the infirmities of old age.

Mr. Combs was born in Perry county Ky., on May 5, 1826, and in his early manhood moved to Owlsley county, where he lived until about thirty years ago when he moved to this county and since that time he has been one of our best and most honored citizens. His funeral was preached at the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon (of which he had been a member for twenty-five years) by Rev. W. W. Powell, pastor, to one of the largest crowds of people ever assembled in Jackson, after which his remains were laid to rest in the Sewell burying ground on Marcum Heights. Services at the grave were conducted by the Masonic order, of which he had been a member for fifty years. He leaves a large family of relatives, as well as every person who knew "Uncle Wiley," as he was familiarly known, to mourn his loss.

How sad to the grave our feet are slowly tending. The cold form of the one whom we loved on the bier.

What sighs swell our hearts while above him we're boding, And shudder to think we must part with him here. Ah, gloomy is life when our friend has departed.

What sighs swell our hearts while above him we're boding, And shudder to think we must part with him here. Ah, weary the pathway to travel

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We carry a complete line of Wood Mantels, Tile, Grates, Etc.

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alone.
There's little remaineth to cheer
the lone-hearted
Oppressed with the burden, "the
loved one is gone."
But glad from the grave are our
feet homeward tending,
Though death's cold embraces our
brother restrain,
Hope springs from the hillock
above which we're boding
And whispers, "Rejoice, you shall
meet him again.
Death's midnight is sad, but there
cometh the morning,
The pathway is dark, but its end-
ing is nigh."
Then patient we wait for the glo-
rious dawning
That's told in our emblems of life
in the sky.

S. H. Fugate has purchased of
N. C. Campbell his house and lot
on East Main street.

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Salesmen and collectors for Perry, Knott, Letcher and Leslie counties to sell Singer Sewing Machines. Liberal contracts offered. Apply or address,

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12-12 J. D. LANTER, Mgr.

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A Captain In the Ranks

By GEORGE CARY EGGLESTON.

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New York.

As the tug quitted her moorings and began her voyage up the river Duncan caught a glimpse of Captain Hallam's form hurrying toward the landing. Almost immediately the tug began to plunge in perilous fashion, thrusting her head under the waves and slipping water enough to dampen the fires and diminish steam pressure in a way that threatened failure to the enterprise.

Failure in the work of rescue was the only thing that Gulford Duncan feared.

He had already laid the hatches securely battened down so that no water could find its way into the hold, but when he saw that water was rapidly rushing with every sea into the furnace room, threatening with extinction the fires that could alone give power to the vessel, he called one of the deck hands to the wheel and, instructing him as to the course to be laid, himself hurriedly inspected ship. With the aid of the other deck hand he quickly removed from bow to stern everything that had weight. Then he and the deck hand and fireman, with some aid from the engineer, proceeded to shovel the coal supply from its bunkers forward of the fire room into the captain's cabin aft of the furnaces.

Thus done, the tug no longer ran her prow into and under the tremendous seas, but rode over them instead, slipping no further water.

Then Duncan returned to the pilot house and a few minutes later reached the imperiled fleet of coal barges.

There havoc had already begun. Three barges had gone down, and two men had been drowned. The rest of the barges were riding so uneasily that their seams were opening, and the water that must presently swamp them was finding its insidious way through their sides and bottoms.

When the tug appeared all the men on board the coal barges clattered pell-mell to be taken off at once.

"Stand by your duty, men!" shouted Duncan. "Don't be cowards! Do your part of the work, and we'll save all of you and all the coal! Only obey orders promptly, and I'll be responsible for the rest! Go to the pumps and answer every command promptly!"

He then ordered flaming torches kindled on every barge, and in the light thus created he was able to tow one after another of the coal boats into that harbor of safety in which the tug captain should have moored them during the day before, the men meanwhile pumping to keep the water down.

Then, with his clothing drenched and frozen stiff upon him, he steered the tug back to her landing place through the now receding storm.

Kennedy, the tug captain, was there, waiting. As Duncan came ashore Kennedy said menacingly:

"If I get my discharge for this I'll prosecute you for piloting without a license."

The ice incased and half frozen young man made no reply. He simply hurried ashore.

As he mounted to the top of the levee, though it was only a little after daylight, Duncan encountered Captain Will Hallam, who stood there waiting for him.

"Go to the hotel," said the employer. "We've ordered a piping hot bath for you there and a blazing wood fire. There's nothing like a wood fire after a chilling such as you've had. When you get good and warm go to bed. When you wake naturally telegraph to the office for me, and we'll breakfast together. The hotel keeper thinks it will bankrupt him or make his fortune to furnish it, but that doesn't matter. Get warm and get some sleep. Sleep as long as you can."

"I don't think I care for sleep," answered the half frozen and wholly exhausted young man. "But would you mind sending Dutch John to me at the hotel? I'd like to have him rub me down with some Turkish towels after my hot bath. Tell him I have a dollar for him if he rubs me well."

"That fellow is certainly a new brand," muttered Captain Hallam to himself as he walked away up the levee, "but he's 'triple X' for endurance and modesty and courage and all the rest of it. What a fighter he must have been! I'd like to see him in a hot battle if we were bullet proof myself. I'll be bonds to brickbats he got all the fight there was in them out of his men. But why doesn't he look out for his own interests, I wonder? I'm still paying him the salary on which he began. Any other man in my employ who could have done one-tenth of what he has done would have made me pay three times as much by this time. But,

"Well, it is simple enough. You gave me employment when I was desperately in need of it. I should be an ingrate if I did not consider your interest in all that I do. I think I ought to have a larger salary than you are now paying me. I think I earn it, and it has been my purpose to ask for it when the proper time should come."

"Then why haven't you been in a hurry to ask for it now? There couldn't be a better time."

"I wish you would. It might help me to understand you."

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"Pardon me, but I cannot agree with you. It so happens that just at this moment I have several very important matters of yours in my charge. You have intrusted them to me, and they have come so exclusively under my control that nobody else, not even you, could conduct them to a successful issue so well as I can. Under such circumstances, of course, I cannot make any personal demand upon you without indecency. To do so would be to take advantage of your necessities. It would amount to a threat if you refused my demands I would abandon these enterprises and leave you to get out of all their difficulties as best you could. Don't you see, Captain Hallam, that under such circumstances I simply could not make a demand upon you for personal advantage to myself?"

"No, I don't see it at all, and yet somehow I seem to understand you. If I were in your place I'd regard these circumstances as trump cards, and I'd read them for all they are worth. So would any other man in the Mississippi valley or anywhere else, I think."

"That may perhaps be so, and I suppose I am 'queer' as you say. But to me it would seem a despicable thing to take advantage of the fact that you need me in these affairs of yours. You have bidden me be frank. I will be so. When I came to Cairo I sought work of the hard physical kind at the small-wages that such work commands. You quickly gave me better work and larger pay than I had expected to earn for months to come. Little by little you have advanced me in your regard until now I seem to enjoy your con-

science. When you first brought me into contact with the big men of affairs — more or less big — I was oppressed with an exaggerated sense of their greatness. Presently I discovered that, while you are always deferential toward them, you are distinctly their superior in intellect and in your grasp of affairs. You allow them to think that they are your masters, while in fact you never fail to have your way, and to compel them and the many millions of other people's money whose use they control to your own purposes."

"At this point Hallam uttered a low chuckle. "A little later I discovered another fact," continued Duncan. "It slowly dawned upon my mind that you put me forward in your conferences with them because you valued my suggestions and my initiative more than you did theirs. Thinking of that, I came to the conclusion that I must, in fact, be superior to these men in those qualities that originate, execute, achieve; otherwise, with your genius for affairs, you would have suppressed me and listened to them."

"That fellow Duncan has got more cogs in his gear wheels than all the rest of you put together. You call him a freak; you call him eccentric because he isn't like you. Now, let me tell you that that's a sort of eccentricity that you'll do well to cultivate. The less you are like yourselves and the more you're like him the better it will be for you. He thinks. You don't. He does all he can. You do as little as you can. He shall have his reward. He shall have a salary three times that of the best man in the office. And, more than that, he shall have the right to command here. Whatever orders he gives shall be obeyed, just as if they were my own. He is your model to imitate, so far as you can. But most of you can't."

That was the very longest speech that Captain Will Hallam had ever made in his life. It was not without effect. It did not inspire any of the clerks to fresh endeavor or to a more conscientious service. But it made every one of them an implacable enemy of Gulford Duncan and inflamed every one of them with an insatiable desire to injure him whenever occasion might offer.

CHAPTER IX.

HOW did you come to do that?" That was the first question Captain Hallam fired at Duncan after the hotel waiter had quitted the room to bring a further supply of coffee and broiled bacon.

"Why, it's simple enough," answered Duncan, with a touch of embarrassment in his tone. "You see, I was up yesterday gauging coal. I knew the barges were anchored in a dangerous position, and so when the storm broke there wasn't anything else to do but get into my clothes and send the tug up there to the rescue."

"But it wasn't your business to look after the coal up in the barge?"

Duncan slowly drank three sips of coffee before answering that eagerly questioning remark. Then he leaned forward and said slowly and with emphasis:

"I conceive it to be my business and my duty, as well as my pleasure, to do all that I can to promote the interest of the man who employs me."

"But that was a risky thing to do. You took your life in your hands, you know?"

"I suppose I did, but that's a small matter. There were twenty other lives in danger. And what is one man's life when there is a duty to be done? We've all got to die some time."

Captain Hallam did not utter the thought that was in him. That thought was:

"Well, then, let me explain and illustrate. A little while ago, in going over your accounts, I discovered that the cotton and grain you shipped from Cairo to New York must be five times transferred from one car to another. That entailed enormous and needless expense in addition to the delay." A few weeks ago I suggested to a conference of railroad nabobs at your house that you should organize a line of through freight cars, which should be loaded at Cairo, St. Louis, Chicago or anywhere else in the west and hauled through to New York, Boston or anywhere else in the east without breaking bulk. The saving of expense was so obvious that you put a hundred thousand dollars into the line, and the railroad magnates made specially good terms for the hauling of that car. You expect and will get dividends from your investment. The railroad men see profit for their companies in the operation of the line. That is all that you and they foresee of advantage. In my view that is the very smallest part of the matter."

"How do you mean?"

"Why, taking cotton as a basis of reckoning, this through line of transportation, owned independently of the railroads, will make an important saving in the cost of raw materials to the owners of New England mills. They will run more spindles and set more looms a-going than they would have done without the through line's cheapening of raw material. They will pay better wages and reap larger profits. They will produce more goods, and they will sell them at a smaller price. The farmer in the west will pay less for his cotton goods and get more for his grain because of the through line's cheapening of transportation. He and his wife and his children will dress better at less cost than they otherwise could. Bear in mind that the line's cars will carry other things than cotton. The people of the west will get their breadstuffs and their bacon and their beef far cheaper because of its existence than they otherwise could."

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